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MCH INSTALLS OFFICERS, WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

MISSOULA--

New officers were installed and new members welcomed at the quarterly meeting of the Montana Committee for the Humanities (MCH), held Jan. 29 through 31 at Chico Hot Springs.

New officers of the Montana affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities who began one-year terms Jan. 1 are Mary Blew, Havre, chairwoman, and Carolyn Ennis, Billings, vice-chairwoman. Blew is a professor of English and the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Northern Montana College. Ennis chairs the Billings History Design Review Board and serves on the University of Montana Citizens Advisory Council.

New members, who will serve four-year terms, are Dean Hellinger, Devon wheat farmer; Marvin Shaw, Bozeman, professor of religious studies at Montana State University; and Burke Townsend, Missoula, associate professor of philosophy at the University of Montana.

Hellinger served three years with the Kellogg Extension Education Project. He chaired the Toole County Local Government Study Commission and served on the County Bicentennial Commission. In 1978 and 1980 he ran for election to the Montana House of Representatives.

A member of the MSU faculty since 1968, Shaw received the Fridley Distinguished Teaching Award in 1979. He has participated in several MCH projects and twice has been selected to attend summer NEH seminars. He has a B.A. from Occidental College, Los Angeles and a master of divinity from Union Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. from Columbia University, both in New York City.

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Townsend earned a distinction in physics designation and a B.S. in physics at Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, Calif., before earning a Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of Hawaii. Since joining the UM faculty in 1973, he has served on the executive board of the University Teachers' Union and on the faculty bargaining council. He has also chaired the philosophy department and the faculty Senate.

The MCH, which is headquartered at the UM, Missoula, makes matching grants to non-profit groups that support public, humanities programs in Montana. Information about grant applications may be obtained by writing to the Montana Committee for the Humanities, Box 8036, Hellgate Station, Missoula 59807, or by calling 243-6022.

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